(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of Haj Houses constructed in the State and how many are functional?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Haj Committee, Mumbai provided financial assistance of Rs. 79,60,000/- to the Andhra Pradesh State Haj Committee for construction of Haj House at Hyderabad in Andhra Pradesh in three instalments, as per the following details:—

(i) On 06.12.1999	Rs. 25,00,000.00
(ii) On 12.02.2001	Rs. 24,60,000.00
(iii) On 22.10.2001	Rs. 30,00,000.00
Total	Rs. 79,60,000.00

(c) There is only one Haj House constructed in Andhra Pradesh at Hyderabad, which is functional.

Eleventh SAARC Summit

1246. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India participated in the Eleventh SAARC Summit held in Nepal recently;

(b) if so, issues raised by India at the Summit;

(c) the SAARC nation's reactions thereto;

(d) how far India has been successful in presenting its case; and

(e) the outcome of the SAARC Conference?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The following were the main issues that were deliberated upon by all the Member Countries including India. Regional Cooperation on Economic & Trade Issues, Poverty Alleviation, Cooperation in Social & Cultural Sectors, Welfare of Women and Children in South Asia, Cooperation in the Fields of Education, Tourism, Cooperation

to evolve a united stand on International issues of common concern, terrorism, sub-regional cooperation and people to people contacts. Conventions on Preventing and Combating the Trafficking in Women and Children for Prostitution and the Convention on Regional Arrangements for the Promotion of Child welfare in South Asia were also signed.

(c) The discussions at SAARC Forum are held on the basis of an agreed agenda. The Kathmandu Declaration issued at the end of the Summit spells out the consensus decision arrived at by the Summit.

(d) India was able to achieve goal of exploiting issues related to economic cooperation, and in getting its main concerns on the issue of terrorism arc reflected on the Final Declaration.

(e) The Eleventh SAARC Summit adopted the Kathmandu Declaration as the final document. A copy of the Declaration is provided herewith, for the Hon'ble Member's information and perusal.

Formulation of economic diplomacy

1247. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has recently gathered some sectoral notes from key countries in the areas of prime economic interest to India, like Energy Security, Investment Policy Infotech, Pharma, Patents etc. for policy formulation by the various ministries;

(b) if so, the highlights of major inputs received so far from the Envoys and the steps taken to share the information with the concerned Ministries for fresh policy initiatives; and

(c) the other schemes worked out, if any, to strengthen the economic diplomacy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH): (a) to (c) Reflecting the growing importance of economic diplomacy in today's world, Minister for External Affairs has been emphasizing the importance of economic work in the Indian Diplomatic Missions. As